(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT:) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal for setting up a Sub-Regional Science Centre at Ranchi had been received from the State Government. The Centre will cost Rs. 5.00 crores. The Government of India has already released Rs. 1.50 crore in 2002-2003 to the National Council of Science Museum responsible for executing the project. The Government of Jharkhand has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs for this project and has allotted a land for this project at Chiroundi.

Jharkhand Government has sent a proposal to set up Software Technology Park of India Centre (STPI Centre) at Ranchi. Department of Information technology, Government of India has approved the proposal of the Jharkhand Government to set up Software Technology Park of India Centre (STPI Centre) at Ranchi. The State Government of Jharkhand has confirmed availability of 3 acres of land, 3000 sq. ft. of built up space and grant-in-aid of Rs. 100 lakh for setting up of Software Technology Park of India Centre (STPI Centre).

Department of Space, Government of India has provided technical support as well as financial grant of Rs. 1.00 crore towards establishment of Jharkhand Space Application Centre at Ranchi.

Development of Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology

3309. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of heart-patients registered for open heart surgery up to June 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the proposal for the development of the Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram are given below:-

Biomedical Technology Development Programmes:

(1) Targeted device development programme

(2) Setting up of modular flexible manufacturing facility for pilot production and market seeding of medical products

(3) Establishing a nodal Centre for information in the areas of biomaterials and biomedical devices

(4) Establishing a National Test Centre for biomaterials and medical devices

(5) Capacity building in health care technology development

Patient Care (Hospital Services):

(1) Establishment of neonatal and paediatric cardiology, Paediatric neurology, Regional Cardiac Arrhythmia Centre etc.

(2) Procurement of new diagnostic equipments like (i) Gamma Camera (ii) Intravascular Ultrasound (iii) Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory (iv) SPECT Scan and PET Scan (v) Echo machine (vi) Digitization of Hospital Information System and (vii) Upgradation of Investigative facilities by replacing the old MRI with a new one and installing a Multislice Cine Speed CT (viii) Add-on facilities for theatres for cardiovascular and thoracic surgery and neurosurgery departments (ix) Equipments needed for ICUs/Operation Theatres.

(3) Expansion of the (i) Epilepsy Section (ii) Stroke Section (iii) Movement Disorder Section (iv) Clinical Neurophysiology (v) Cognition and Behavioural Neurology Centre (vi) Library (vii) Infrastructure facilities (viii) Biomedical Engineering Division.

(c) Total number of heart patients registered and awaiting for open heart surgery up to June, 2003 is 2326.

SAIL profits

3310. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has earned profit during the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the figure of profit for this year;

(c) the loss suffered during the year 2001-2002; and

(d) other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) incurred a net loss of Rs. 1707 crores in the year 2001-2002. The gross margin and cash loss during 2001-2002 was Rs. 1011 crores and Rs. 551 crores respectively. The net loss was reduced to Rs. 316 crores (before tax) during 2002–2003, registering an improvement of 82% over the previous year (2001–02).

Setting up of synthetic rutile plant in Kerala

3311. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation proposes to set up Synthetic Rutile Plant at Chavara in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the project along-with the details of the estimated investment;

(c) the details of the steps taken so far for setting up the plant; and

(d) the expected time by which this plant will become operational?